

THE HISTORY OF THE 105TH REGIMENT OF ENGINEERS

been marked out on the ground only. While the various detachments were engaged in work under their platoon commanders the company commanders of E and F Companies under direction of the battalion commander were engaged in directing Infantry battalions in the work on these trenches, which consisted of digging and revetting the trenches, laying the trench boards (better known as duck boards) (*see Photos 26 and 27, Pictorial Section*), wire entanglements, and locating and digging communicating trenches from the reserve trench, which was the one being constructed, to the support trenches which were practically completed. The commanding officer of Company D, who was Acting Regimental Stores Officer, was engaged in procuring and delivering materials for the execution of this work. Daily reports were made on the work accomplished and fortifications completed.

Training in outpost duty, advance and rear guard actions, and in scouting and patrolling was done on the work by the platoons and in going to and from work. Gas sentries were placed on all work.

The work of the Second Battalion during this period, July 11th to July 23rd, was done by day from 6:00 A. M. to 2:00 P. M. It was under observation from Kemmel Hill by the enemy on clear days and in many instances enemy artillery opened fire on the working parties with long range guns. Though there were many narrow escapes there was but one casualty during this period in the Second Battalion. Lieutenant D. M. Williams while at Gaunt Farm was slightly wounded by shrapnel and was evacuated. He returned to his command after an absence of ten days.

The work done by the Second Battalion in actual hours is shown by report of C. O. Second Battalion as follows:

HEADQUARTERS 2ND BATTALION
105TH ENGINEERS
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

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MEMORANDUM TO COMMANDING OFFICER 105TH
ENGINEERS:

1. The following is a schedule of the Infantry work and Engineering work performed by the different platoons for the period, July 10th to July 26th, inclusive, less two Sundays and one day for evacuation:

COMPANY "D" FIRST PLATOON ON INFANTRY WORK	
Close order drill.....	4½ hours
Extended order drill.....	1 hour
Advance and rear guard.....	8 hours
Patrolling and scouting.....	5 hours
Bayonet.....	1 hour
Gas instructions.....	4 hours
COMPANY "D" FIRST PLATOON ON ENGINEERING WORK	
Trench revetting, wire Ent., and general trench work.....	70 hours
(This does not include two days July 25th and 26th)	
COMPANY "D" SECOND PLATOON ON INFANTRY WORK	
Close order drill.....	4½ hours
Extended order drill.....	1 hour
Advance and rear guard.....	8 hours
Patrolling and scouting.....	5 hours
Bayonet.....	1 hour
Gas instructions.....	4 hours
COMPANY "D" SECOND PLATOON ON ENGINEERING WORK	
Trench revetting, wire Ent., and general trench work.....	70 hours
(This does not include two days, July 25th and 26th)	
COMPANY "D" THIRD PLATOON ON INFANTRY WORK	
Close order drill.....	8 hours
Extended order drill.....	1 hour
Musketry.....	2 hours
Bayonet.....	2 hours
Advance guard.....	2 hours
Outpost and patrolling.....	5 hours
Gas instructions.....	5 hours
COMPANY "D" THIRD PLATOON ON ENGINEERING WORK	
Concrete monolithic shelters.....	65 hours
COMPANY "D" FOURTH PLATOON ON INFANTRY WORK	
Close order drill.....	8 hours
Extended order drill.....	1 hour
Musketry.....	2 hours
Bayonet.....	2 hours
Outpost and patrolling.....	5 hours
Advance and rear guard.....	9 hours
Gas instructions.....	5 hours